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Ms. Carol Henry, Co-Chair  
Ms. Daphne Pee, Co-Chair  
Water Quality Advisory Group  
255 Rockville Pike, Suite 120  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Ms. Henry and Ms. Pee:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the widespread use and possible consequences of the anti-microbial agent, triclosan, in commercial and household products including hand soaps.

Montgomery County, in coordination with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, continues to support research at a national level on the presence, sources, and impacts of micro-contaminants in our water resources. Montgomery County also is continually researching products procured by the County to identify more environmentally friendly and sustainable purchasing options. As part of this ongoing effort, I will ask Pam Parker from the Department of Environmental Protection to coordinate with the Department of General Services to determine if triclosan is present in supplies purchased under County contracts and, if so, examine available alternatives.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. I appreciate your support and insight into county water quality concerns.

Sincerely,

Isiah Leggett  
County Executive

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